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Leadership: A Very Short Introduction
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What is leadership? How does it differ from management and command? Are leaders born or bred? Leadership: A Very Short Introduction prompts the reader to rethink their understanding of what leadership is. It examines the way leadership has evolved from its earliest manifestations in ancient societies, highlighting the beginnings of leadership writings through Plato, Sun Tzu, Machiavelli and others, to consider the role of social, economic, and political contexts undermining particular modes of leadership. Exploring the idea that leaders cannot exist without followers, and recognising that we all have diverse experiences and assumptions of leadership, this VSI looks at the practice of management, its history, future, and influence on society.